



Michigan Family Independence Agency

We Strengthen Individuals and Families Through Mutual Respect and Mutual Responsibility

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

TANF - Family Independence Program (FIP) - This is Michigan's Welfare Reform Program which provides cash assistance to families who meet the income and eligibility requirements. The program encompasses the work requirements required by federal welfare reform and the Family Independence Agency works closely with the Department of Career Development to which clients are referred for employment services. Funding is both state and federal. Contact: local F.I.A. offices.

Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly Food Stamps] - The Family Independence Agency administers this program for the federal government. F.I.A. receives the applications and determines eligibility based on federal eligibility criteria. Program benefits are totally funded by the federal government, the state and federal government share administrative costs. Contact: local F.I.A. offices.

State Disability Assistance (SDA) - This program provides financial assistance to disabled persons who are not eligible for the FIP program (i.e., single adults and childless couples). This program is totally state funded. Contact: local F.I.A. offices.

State Emergency Relief (SER) - This program provides temporary financial help to needy persons faced with an emergency situation which threatens health and safety and which would be resolved with the S.E.R. payment. Payments are made for the minimum amount necessary to resolve the emergency on an as-needed basis. The program is funded with both state and federal funds. Contact: local F.I.A. offices.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - This program provides assistance to disadvantaged households in meeting the costs of energy. Assistance can be through Michigan's Home Heating Tax Credit, crisis assistance for those facing energy emergencies, and energy related home repair. The program is funded with both state and federal funds. Contacts: local F.I.A. offices or Home Heating Energy Assistance 1-800-292-5650.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - This is a federal program which provides a monthly payment to low income individuals who are aged, blind or disabled. Applications are made at Social Security Offices throughout the state. Under agreement with the federal government the Family Independence Agency through their **Disability Determination Services** makes the disability determination for SSI on behalf of the federal government. The program is funded by the federal government, however, the state supplements the payments. Contacts: local social security administration office or the social security administration 1-800-772-1213.

Child Development and Care [formerly Child Day Care] - These services are provided for eligible families when the parent, legal guardian or other caretaker is unavailable to provide child care because of employment, education or because of a health or social condition for which treatment is being received. Services are provided to low-income families who meet eligibility criteria. Families receiving F.I.P. receive day care to support their employment. Child day care providers must be licensed and payments are made directly to the provider when care is provided outside the home. The program is funded with both state and federal funds. Contact: local F.I.A. offices.

Child Support - The Family Independence Agency Child Support Program provides paternity determination, child support order establishment, health insurance obligation establishment, order enforcement and collection services to custodial parents and families in a joint effort with prosecuting attorneys and Friends of the Court. The program is federally, state and locally funded. Contacts: local F.I.A. offices, Office of Child Support (517) 373-7570, or local Friend of the Court.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Adoption & Adoption Subsidy - The F.I.A. places children for adoption whose parents' rights have been terminated through an action of the court and placed under F.I.A. supervision or committed to F.I.A.'s **Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) Superintendent** as the child's legal guardian. The Adoption Subsidy Program provides financial support and/or medical subsidy to adoptive families to facilitate the adoption of children who are placed by F.I.A. The F.I.A. Adoption Program is also responsible for the Central Adoption Registry which maintains statements from birth parents consenting to or denying access to identifying information in adoption records. The Adoption Program and Adoption Subsidy Program are funded with federal and state funds. Contacts: local F.I.A. offices, F.I.A. Adoption Services (517) 373-3513 (requests for information on closed adoption records), Adoption Subsidy Program (517) 373-3513, MCI Superintendent (517) 373-3594, Safe Delivery hotline (866) 733-7733.

Adult Services - Administers **Adult Community Placement/Adult Foster Care** which assists persons who cannot live independently to find appropriate living arrangements, co-administers with the Department of Community Health **Home Help** and **Physical Disability Services** which provide payments to facilitate independent living through personal care assistance and medically necessary equipment and services for eligible individuals. Other Adult Services programs include: **HIV Advocacy and Insurance Assistance, Migrant Services**, and the **Refugee Assistance Program**. Funding is both state and federal. Contacts: local F.I.A. offices for Adult Services, (313) 256-1380 or 1-877-FIA-AIDS for HIV information, (517) 373-3567 for Migrant Services, and (517) 241-7824 for Refugee Services.

Adult Protective Services - This program provides protection to vulnerable adults (18 years or older) who are at risk of harm due to the presence or threat of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Funding is primarily state. Contacts: local F.I.A. emergency number listed in the phone book or the family violence help line 1-800-99 NO ABUSE.

Child Abuse Prevention and Family Preservation Services - Prevention services and family preservation services are a collaborative effort between F.I.A. and many partners. At the local level, the **multi-purpose collaborative bodies (MPCB)** work with FIA to provide services. Funding is both state and federal. Contacts: local F.I.A. offices or the Field Services Division (517) 373-3465.

Children's Foster Care - This program provides placement and supervision to ensure permanency planning for children who are the responsibility of F.I.A. and have been removed from their parents by action of the court, or children whose parents have voluntarily given up their parental rights. Foster care services are provided through a partnership between F.I.A. and private non-profit licensed child care organizations. Funding is both state and federal. Contacts: local F.I.A. offices.

Children's Protective Services - This program investigates allegations that a child under the age of 18 is suspected of being abused or neglected by a parent, legal guardian or adult who lives in the same home as the child, and assesses the safety and risk to the child and intervenes appropriately. F.I.A. has only investigative authority, enforcement authority is with the police and courts. Anyone may make a complaint if abuse or neglect is suspected. The identity of the reporting person is confidential. Funding is both state and federal. Contacts: local F.I.A. emergency number listed in the phone book or the Child Abuse Parent Help Line 1-800-942-4357; Child Fatality Review Team (517) 324-7330.

Office of Juvenile Justice - This program has responsibility for youth between the ages of 12 and 21 who have violated the law and are committed to F.I.A. by the court. Based on an assessment of each youth and their need for security, they are placed in either community based settings, a private residential facility or an F.I.A. operated residential facility. Funding is both state and federal. Contacts: local F.I.A. offices or the F.I.A. Office of Juvenile Justice (517) 335-3489 or for Education Services for youth in F.I.A. juvenile justice programs (517) 335-1438.

<p>OTHER SERVICE PROGRAMS: Native American Affairs & Indian Outreach, (517) 373-0871; Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Program, 1-800-292-4517; Teen Parent Program, (517) 373-3465; Volunteer Services, (517) 335-0641.</p>
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND - is a 15 member State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board which raises and distributes funds to local child abuse prevention direct service providers. Contact: (517) 373-4320.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND - is a 5-member commission serving approximately 4,000 blind persons annually through its six programs: Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living, Business Enterprise, MCB Training Center, Youth Low Vision, and deaf/blind services. MCB places approximately 200 blind individuals in employment annually. Contact: (517) 373-2062; 1-800-292-4200 (Lower Peninsula); 1-800-323-2535 (Upper Peninsula).

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS - is a 21-member commission. The Commission staff provides training, advocacy, information and technical assistance on issues affecting individuals with disabilities and the Division on Deafness provides advocacy and services to those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Contacts: (517) 334-8000 or 1-887-499-6232 (voice or TTY).

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE - is a 23-member committee which implements the federal Juvenile Justice Prevention Act. The committee ensures the state's compliance with the federal law's core requirements for juveniles and authorizes grants of about \$4 million per year from the federal government to local communities for delinquency prevention. Contact: Office of Juvenile Justice (517) 335-1438.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION & TREATMENT BOARD - is a 7-member governor-appointed board which distributes state and federal money for domestic violence and sexual assault service programs, provides education and training on domestic and sexual violence, and coordinates state and local entities working on domestic violence and sexual assault. Contacts: Board office (517) 335-6388, national domestic violence hotline 1-800-799-SAFE or 1-800-787-3224 (TDD LINE), or the local domestic violence programs.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE - is a 29-member multi-disciplinary entity which implements the federal Children's Justice Act. The Task Force reviews Michigan's investigative, administration and judicial handling of child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse and makes recommendations for law revisions and system improvements. The Task Force also develops model programs for statewide implementation. All funds are federal. Contact: (517) 241-1773.

JUVENILE CRIME ENFORCEMENT COALITION - is a 7-member coalition required by federal law to implement the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant. The coalition develops a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime and authorizes approximately \$5 million per year in grants to local governments. Contact: Office of Juvenile Justice (517) 335-1438.

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